

James Roberts House
Galena, Illinois (vicinity) 4 miles S.E.

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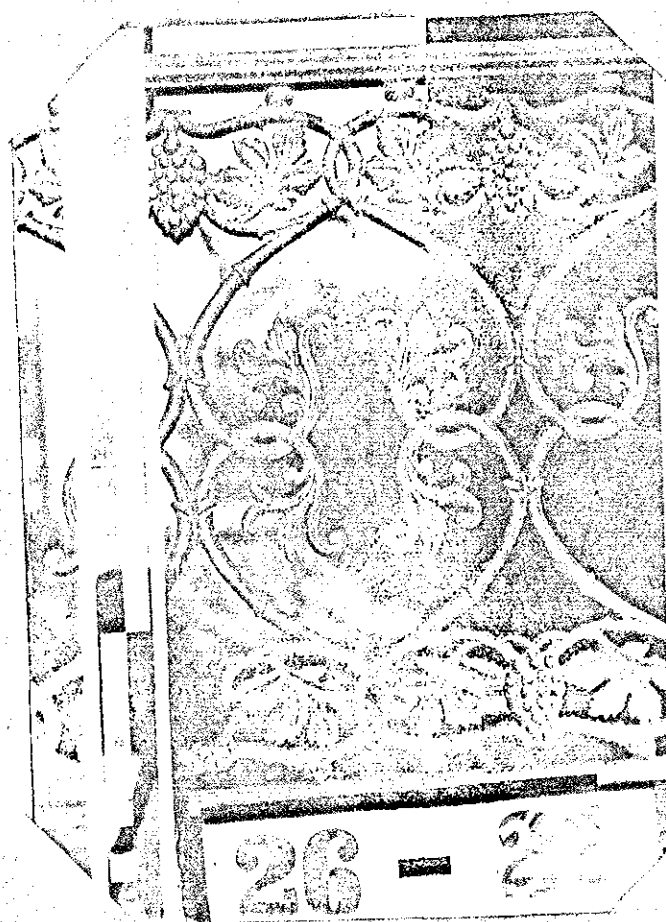
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DETAIL OF BALCONY (RYAN HOUSE) BENCH STREET
Similar to one formerly on James Roberts House

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SOURCE

Mrs. Gundry. This house was built in 1847 for Mr. James Mitchell Roberts, an uncle of Mrs. Gundry, now a resident of Galena. The present isolated summer kitchen was built prior to the building of the house and was used as an abode during the construction of the house.

The land consisted of 160 acres on the original stage coach highway. The old stone gate posts are still standing.

The house was built in two parts, completed in 1848. The foundation is of coursed ashlar, unfinished and irregularly bonded local mound stone. The brick was made in Galena, three brick yards having existed there at that time.

The woodwork was molded by hand. Wood pins and dowels have been used throughout instead of nails. Little is known of the wood used. It is in a very good state of preservation.

The cast-iron balcony was made by either Nicholas Dowling or J.W. Westwick, the grandfather of the present owners of the J.W. Westwick & Son Foundry, more presumably by Westwick, as both Roberts and Westwick were Englishmen, attended the same church and were warm friends. It was demolished and the present ugly brick front porch added about 1931.

The house stands approximately four miles south east of Galena on Route #5 and is now owned by Mr. J.L. White.

March 10, 1934

By H.B. McEldowney
Approved Earl H. Reed, Jr.
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